

REMARKS

New Claims 50-53 are submitted herewith. Support for these new claims can be found throughout the specification. See, for example, Example 5 and Example 7 of the description, as well as in original Claims 36-39.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 6, 2006, Applicants elect Group III, namely Claims 1-3, 11-13, 28, 40, and 49, and new Claims 50-53 in the present application. Each of these claims reads on a process for inhibiting the formation of a tertiary complex of IL-11, IL-11R, and gp130 by administering an IL-11 binding peptide.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. MDSP-P04-180 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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